

REMARKS

Claims 1-66 were previously pending in this application. Within the Advisory Action, claims 1-13 and 27-49 have been allowed; claims 14, 19, 20, 25, 26, 50-54 and 60-66 have been rejected; and claims 15-18, 21-24 and 55-59 have been objected to.

5 By way of the above amendments, claims 15, 55, 56, and 59 have been amended. All amendments are made according to Examiners Office Action stating that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and intervening claims. Claims 14, 19, 20, 25, 26, 50-54, and 60-66 have been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 1-13, 15-18, 21-24, 27-49, and 55-59 are now pending.

10 **Objected to Claims**

Within the April 19, 2006 office action, claims 15-18, 21-24 and 55-59 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. It is stated that each of these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the corresponding base
15 claims and any intervening claims.

Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of base claim 14, from which it depended. Accordingly, claim 15 is allowable.

20 Claims 16-18 depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 15 that currently incorporates all the limitations of the original base claim, Claim 14. In that claims 16-18 depend on an allowable base claim, claims 16-18 are in a condition of allowance.

Claims 21-24 depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 15 that currently incorporates all the limitations of the original base claim, Claim 14. In that claims 21-24 depend on an allowable base claim, claims 21-24 are in a condition of allowance.

25 Claims 55, 56, and 59 are amended to incorporate all the limitations of its base claim, claim 50, and the intervening claims 51, 52, 53, and 54. Accordingly, claims 55, 56, and 59 are allowable.

30 Claim 57 depends directly from amended claim 56 that is currently amended to incorporate all the limitations of the original base claim (claim 50) and the intervening claims 51, 52, 53, and 54. In that claim 57 depends on an allowable base claim, claim 57 is in a condition of allowance.

Claim 58 depends directly from amended claim 57 that depends on claim 56 which depends on an allowable base claim. In that claim 58 depends on an allowable base claim, claim 58 is in a condition of allowance.

Missing Form PTO1449 dated 9/19/03 and Abstract for JP 5233426

Attached is a copy of the missing Form PTO 1449 submitted 9/19/03, a copy of the return receipt of the Form PTO 1449, and English translation of the abstract for JP 5233426.


Conclusion

For the reasons given above, Applicant respectfully submit that the Claims 1-13, 15-18, 21-24, 27-49, and 55-59 are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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